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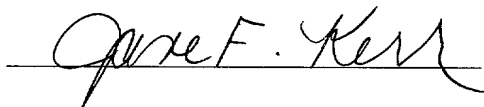
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Transmitted herewith for filing is an original U.S. Patent application of Akihiro Shimotsu entitled **FERRULE FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF** for filing in the U.S. based upon a prior Japanese application no. 2000-27305 filed on January 31, 2000 from which priority is claimed.

The following application papers are enclosed:

- ☒ Specification, Claims and Abstract of Disclosure totaling 8 pages;
- ☒ One set of high quality photocopies of the Formal Drawings totaling 3 page(s).
- ☒ Unsigned Japanese Language Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- ☒ Translation of Japanese application no. 2000-27305;
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and Attachments as Set Forth on PTO Form 1449.

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